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This brochure contains
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information and guidelines
to help you plan your hike
on the Appalachian Trail.

Enjoy your hike and the
beauty of the Berkshires!



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in a s a c h u s e t s

- 87.7 Vermont Border
 86.4 East Mountain:
 86.4 Pine Cobble Trail:
 Pine Cobble: (.5m)
 85.4 Sherman Brook:
 Pete's Spring: W
 83.6 Greylock Community Club, U.S. 2: P

- 80.8 Mt. Prospect:
 80.6 Wilbur Clearing: S (3m)
 79.6 Mt. Williams: (.3m)
 77.2 Mt. Greylock: P
 76.6 Hopper Trail to Sperry Campground: P
 (1.5m)
 75.0 Saddle Ball Mountain:
 74.0 Bassett Brook: S

- 70.4 Outlook Avenue: P

- 67.6 Cheshire Cobbles:

- 65.6 Gore Pond:

- 64.7 Crystal Mountain:

- 60.9 Gulf Road: P

- 58.0 Kay Wood: S

- 55.3 Warner Hill:

- 51.4 Pittsfield Road: P

- 49.2 October Mountain: S

- 45.0 Finnerty Pond:

- 42.0 U.S. 20 P

- 40.4 Upper Goose Pond: (.5m)
 (\$3 charge)

- 32.3 Jerusalem Road: P

- 32.0 Tyringham Cobbles:

- 26.4 Mt. Wilcox, N: S, no W

- 24.6 Mt. Wilcox, S: S

- 23.4 Benedict Pond: P

- 20.5 Lake Buel Road: P

- 19.4 Tom Leonard: S

- 16.8 East Mtn. Cliffs:

- 15.9 Holmes Road: P

- 9.5 Jug End Road: P, W

- 8.4 Jug End:

- 6.1 Glenn Brook: S

- 4.9 Mt. Everett:

- 4.2 Race Bk Falls Trail: (.4m)

- 3.1 Mt. Race:

- 1.4 Bear Rock Falls:

- 0.0 Sages Ravine:

For information on:

Outdoor recreation in MA

Write or call:
 DEM Regional Headquarters
 P.O. Box 1433
 Pittsfield, MA 01202, (413) 442-8928,
 or DEM Boston Office (617) 727-3180

AMC activities

Write to:
 AMC
 399 Main Street
 Dalton, MA 01226

The latest AT guidebook for MA

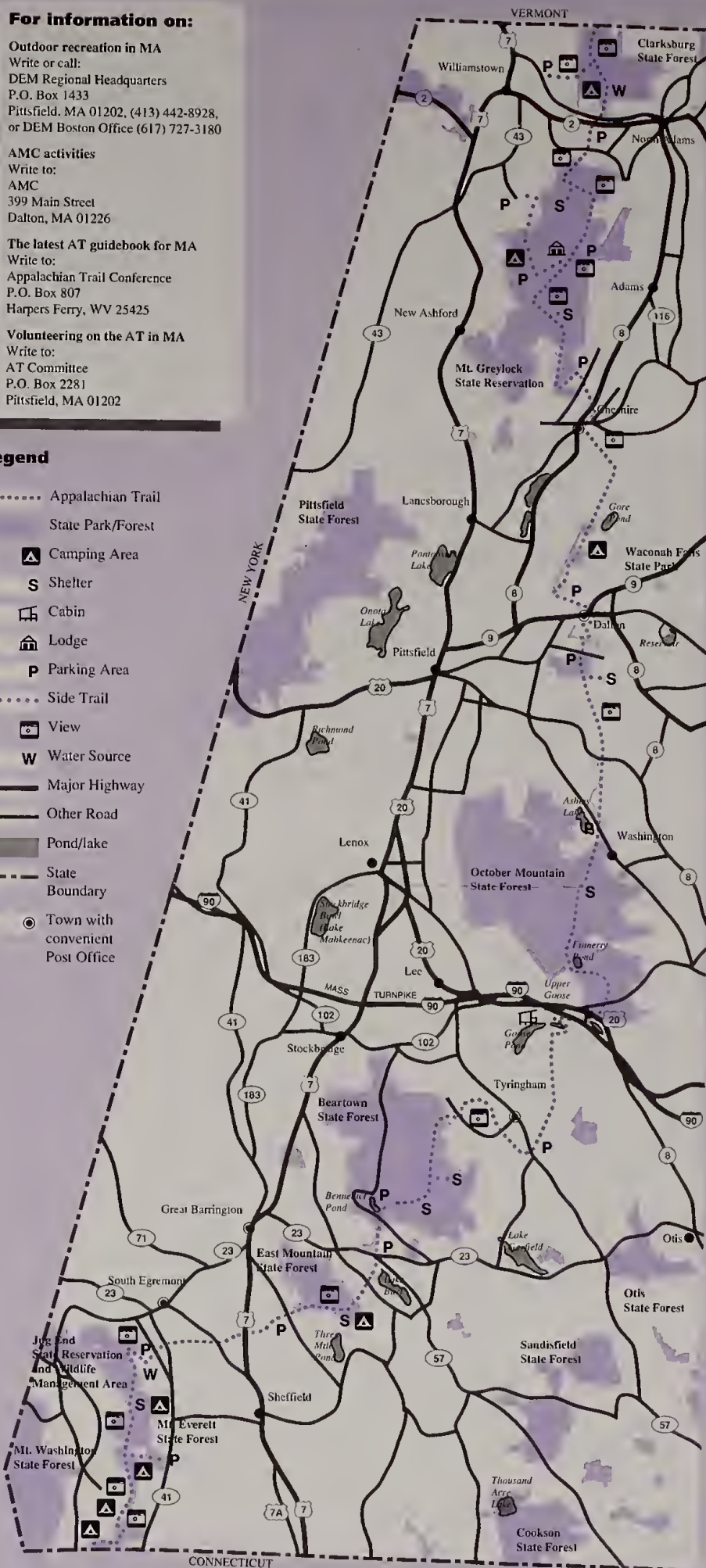
Write to:
 Appalachian Trail Conference
 P.O. Box 807
 Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Volunteering on the AT in MA

Write to:
 AT Committee
 P.O. Box 2281
 Pittsfield, MA 01202

Legend

- Appalachian Trail
- State Park/Forest
- Camping Area
- S Shelter
- Cabin
- Lodge
- P Parking Area
- Side Trail
- View
- W Water Source
- Major Highway
- Other Road
- Pond/lake
- State Boundary
- Town with convenient Post Office



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welcome to the appalachian trail

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail runs 2100 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. 90 miles of this long-distance footpath are in Massachusetts, running along the ridges and traversing the valleys of Berkshire County.

Conceived in 1921 by Massachusetts native Benton McKay, the Trail was designed to provide a continuous green corridor along the ridge of the Appalachian chain of mountains and hills. In 1968 the footpath was officially designated a National Scenic Trail, and in 1969 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (DEM) enacted legislation to protect the Appalachian Trail. In 1978, DEM, in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), initiated a land acquisition program to protect the trail corridor.

The Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts provides a broad array of hiking opportunities for both the long distance hiker and the day hiker. Lodges, cabins, shelters, tent platforms and campsites with outhouses are found along the Trail for overnight and extended trips.

caring for the trail

A unique cooperative management effort exists between the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Conference, and the Appalachian Mountain Club. Trail maintenance is carried out by AT Committee volunteers of the AMC-Berkshire Chapter and DEM's Ridgerunners Program. Corridor monitoring of both state and federal corridor Trail lands is accomplished by AMC-Berkshire Chapter volunteers.

If you notice any problems on the Trail, you can contact either:

DEM Division of Forests and Parks Regional Headquarters, 740 South Street/P.O. Box 1433
Pittsfield, MA 01202, (413) 442-8928; or

AMC Regional Office, Rockwell Rd./P.O. Box 1800, Lanesboro, MA 01237, (413) 443-0011.

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Bascom Lodge atop Mt. Greylock offers information, food and lodging for hikers and visitors.

If you would like to become involved in the stewardship of this National Scenic Trail in Massachusetts, contact:

AMC Berkshire Chapter, AT Committee
P.O. Box 2281, Pittsfield, MA 01202, or the
DEM/AMC Regional Offices listed at left.

visitor guidelines

- Carry out everything that you carry in to keep lunch spots and overnight areas clear of litter.
- Park your car only in designated areas indicated on the map or in the MA-CT Appalachian Trail guidebook. If you are not sure, check with local residents, police, or DEM Regional Headquarters in Pittsfield (for state forest areas) before you leave your car.
- Stay on the trail. The footpath is marked with white rectangular blazes. Side trails are marked with blue blazes. Please stay away from residences adjacent to the trail.
- Camp only in designated areas. AMC and DEM encourage the use of a lightweight camping stove for cooking. Open fires are only allowed at the designated campsites and shelters, using fallen wood only.

- Treat or filter all drinking water. Do not contaminate the water supply when washing yourself or your dishes.
- Move at least 50 feet from the Trail and 200 feet from water to bury human waste for proper decomposition.
- Travel in small groups; no more than 10 people for camping.
- State and Federal law prohibits vehicles and horses on the Trail. This includes mountain bicycles. Foot travel only.
- Pets should be kept under control at all times.
- Maximum stay of two nights at any campsite.

more information

Detailed maps and guides for the Appalachian Trail are published by the Appalachian Trail Conference. Copies of the ATC Guide to the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts and Connecticut are available in bookstores, at Bascom Lodge and/or the state visitors center on Mt. Greylock and by mail from the AMC.

how you can help

1. Become a trail maintainer—volunteer to adopt a small section of the Trail and help keep it free of brush, blowdowns and water erosion.
2. Become a corridor monitor—volunteer to adopt a small section of Trail corridor lands and hike its boundaries looking for and reporting signs of incompatible uses and encroachments.
3. Be considerate of the Trail lands as you hike. Leave the flowers, plants and trees for the enjoyment of the people who will follow you. Take only photographs—leave only footprints.

Cover photo: A hiker atop Mt. Greylock enjoys the view.

(Photos by Gene Peach)

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